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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
HEINE et al.

Serial No. 09/764,766

Filed: January 16, 2001

For: BRUSHLESS SPINDLE DC MOTOR
USED AS AN ACTUATOR TO
CREATE RADIAL FORCE

Art Unit: 2834

Examiner: Burton S. Mullins

Attorney Docket No.: A-63367-1/JAS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action mailed April 25, 2002, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is requested. Claims 2-21 have been renumbered 67-86.

IN THE CLAIMS

✓ Please cancel claims 67-71.

D' 72. (Amended) An apparatus for stabilizing the spin axis of a rotating system comprising a disc drive, said rotating system comprising:

a rotor carrying an inertial load comprising at least one disc and bearing means to support said rotor and said disc about said spin axis, and